

Human Rights Watch Student Task Force
Mar 7-11 Juvenile Justice Week of Faith and Healing
Activity Summary
March 17, 2011

Summary: The events outlined below were organized by student leaders in the Human Rights Watch Student Task Force, in anticipation and collaboration with the 3rd Annual National Juvenile Justice Week of Faith and Healing, March 7-11, 2011. The Student Task Force may be found at www.hrwtstf.org and is comprised of the following schools in the Los Angeles area:

- Academy of the Canyons (Santa Clarita, CA)
- Canyon High School (Canyon Country, CA)
- Carson High School (Carson, CA)
- Crossroads School (Santa Monica, CA)
- New Roads School (Santa Monica, CA)
- Oakwood School (North Hollywood, CA)
- Palisades Charter High School (Pacific Palisades, CA)
- Santa Monica High School (Santa Monica, CA)
- Southern Youth Correctional Reception Center and Clinic (Norwalk, CA)
- Valencia High School (Valencia, CA)
- Wildwood School (Los Angeles, CA)

<p>Friday March 4, 2011</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo petitions and Children’s Rights Camp (Canyon HS) Over 150 students created “mug shots” of themselves with their student ID numbers. Photos will be presented to CA Legislators with the phrase, “Would you give up on us? Would you throw away our futures?” (~500 students attended; ~300 SB9 form letters signed)
<p>Sunday March 6, 2011</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senate Bill 9 Research Day (Palisades Charter HS and Valencia HS) STF leaders attended a strategy session with the HRW LA Network, researching organizations, individuals, and groups to support SB 9.
<p>Monday March 7, 2011</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Bulletin Announcement (Santa Monica HS) STF students made a school-wide announcement on SB 9, inviting students to a letter-writing session. • Letter-writing Session (Wildwood School) During lunch, students designated a classroom for anyone to attend and write support letters for SB 9. Twenty individualized letters were written.
<p>Tuesday March 8, 2011</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 9 Classroom Presentations (New Roads and Santa Monica HS) STF students presented to peers on SB 9 and invited students to write individual support letters. (~300 students saw presentations) • Letter-writing Session (New Roads School) During lunch, students designated a classroom for anyone to attend and write support letters for SB 9. (~20 students attended) • Reflection and Prayer Vigil (Southern Correctional Center) Forty young men gathered with Chaplin Advisor Tom Molettiere to discuss and reflect on sentencing for youth.
<p>Wednesday March 9, 2011</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candle Light Vigil (New Roads School) • Letter-writing Session (Crossroads School) STF students designated a classroom for anyone to attend and write support letters for SB 9. • Children’s Rights Camp (Sierra Canyon School) Students collected form letters supporting SB9. (~550 students attended) • Multicultural Symposium SB 9 Presentation (Wildwood School) STF led presentations on juvenile life-without-parole to the entire school.
<p>Thursday March 10, 2011</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STF students visit Southern Correctional Center (Wildwood School) STF students attended a family reception honoring incarcerated youth

	<p>for staying violence and drug-free one, two, three months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening of “Juvies” Film (New Roads School) • Palisadian Post Article: “Pali Students Hold Human Rights Day” (Palisades Charter HS) The article highlighted the importance of SB 9.
<p>Friday March 11, 2011</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STF constructs Jail Cell on Campus (New Roads School) This display sought to distribute information on SB 9 and be an extra place for students to sign support letters. • Letter-writing Session (Santa Monica HS) During lunch, students designated a classroom for anyone to attend and write support letters for SB 9.
<p>Tuesday March 15, 2011</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s Rights Camp (Carson HS) Students collected form letters supporting SB 9. Carson’s Mayor attended the event. (~550 students attended the event)

Approximate totals from the Week:

- Number of STF-sponsored events: 17
- Number of SB9 form letters signed: ~1,400
- Number of individualized SB9 letters written: 30
- Number of students and community members reached through events and press: 10,000+